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PROPOSAL TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

TITLE: Change in Course Withdrawal Policy

SUBMITTED BY: Academic Policies Committee of the Senate

DATE: March 10, 2006

ACTION: Legislative

Background

The current withdrawal policy set out in the Bulletin includes the following statement: *“During this period a W will be permitted only for special nonacademic reasons, which include, but are not limited to, poor personal health, financial difficulties, family matters of health, and change in career objectives.”* Including “change in career objectives” in the category of “special nonacademic reasons” poses a problem for deans’ offices because it is not consonant with other examples given and because it is a commonly used excuse for poor academic performance.

Proposal

Upon a recommendation from ARSIC, the APC proposes the following language instead of the sentence quoted above: **“During this period, a W will be permitted only for special nonacademic reasons. These include, but are not limited to financial difficulties and matters of personal or family health. Documentation may be required.”**

Effective with the 2006-2007 *Bulletin*